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History of William Forman

William Forman, son of John Forman and Margaret Major, was born 17 November 1834, in Glasgow, Scotland.

He was a foundry-man, working at his trade in a foundry in Glasgow.

When about twenty years of age he embraced the gospel and became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, uniting with the Glasgow branch of the church. Two years later, he emigrated to Salt Lake City, crossing the ocean and the plains in the company of Captain Robert Campbell and lived with his family in Salt Lake City until 25 December 1854. He then lived with the family of Willard Richards, doing any kind of work he could find during the five years he resided in Salt Lake City. He worked for Brigham Young part of the time. He was appointed by the church authorities to look after the widows and orphans, as there were a great many at this time. He filled this calling well.

He was married to Catherine Campbell on 10 October 1859, and in March 1860, was sealed by President Brigham Young in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City. To this union were born five children, four boys and one girl, William John, William Campbell, Benjamin Richard, Christina and John Forman.

In the spring of 1860, he was advised to go to Provo valley and obtain land. He with his wife arrived in the valley and immediately went to work building a home and preparing the land to plant grain. He continued thereafter to follow farming and stock raising. He also had a saw mill and shingle business, giving employment to a great many men. It was his desire to be well enough off to make employment for men. He did whatever he was called upon to do in civic or religious activities. At one time he was called to donate a wagon and team for the purpose of helping immigrants across the plains. The donation was promptly made. He was also a sargent in the Black Hawk War, and was one of twelve men who were called to Uintah to try and make peace with the Indians.

When the Heber ward was divided into the East and West wards, he was chosen as Bishop of the West Ward, July 1877, with John Crook and George T. Giles as counselors. He held this position for 18 years. He was also appointed Presiding Bishop over the wards of Wasatch Stake, which he held for a number of years.

He hauled sandstone to Park City mines and to Salt Lake City for use on their

History of Mary Montgomery Forman

Mary Montgomery Forman was born at Arnock Lodge, Ayreshire, Scotland on the 1st day of June 1851 to Robert and Mary Lowry Montgomery. Her father came from Scotland and settled in Heber Valley in 1860.

He and his wife had joined the church prior to this time. He came first, then the family came two years later on 19 Sept. 1862. Mary was a small girl at this time. Even as a girl she had a winning way and a pleasant smile for everyone. She was happy and very good company.

Mary Montgomery married William Forman 10 Oct. 1867 in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City by Heber C. Kimball.

She was the mother of fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls: Robert, Nephi, Catherine Harwood, Mary Jane Orr, Agnes Turner Fields Jones, Joseph Smith, Margaret, (twins) William and Willcometta Forman Parrish, Major, Orson Pratt, Nellie Clara Williams, and a son died in infancy.

She was always faithful to the Principles and Doctrins of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many positions in the organizations.

In 1882 the Young Mutual Improvement Association was organized with Josephine Cluff Jones as President. Mary Duke and Mary Forman her counselors, and Sarah Jane Hicken as secretary. She was a member of the Relief Society and served as a counselor and teacher in the West Ward for many years. She moved to Center Creek, Wasatch County. Here she was actively engaged in the work of the Lord. She was a Counselor in the Relief Society, which position she held for several years.

The last few years of her life were marred on account of sickness, yet through all she never complained. She passed away 23 Dec. 1902 at her home in Center Creek. She was buried in the Heber City Cemetery.



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Whittaker. The speakers were Par-

neb Thomas Hickam and Robert Drake, Elder A. M. Hansen and Bishop Harvey, all of whom testified to the

integrity and good works of the de-

canced.

William Forman was born in Glas-

gow, Scotland, Nov. 17, 1834, and was

the son of John Forman and Margaret

Major. He became a member of the

Church Oct. 15, 1851, and he came to

America in 1854 and became intimately

acquainted with the early leaders of the

Church, having lived in the homes of

Brigham Young, Willard Richards and

others. He took part in the Echo cam-

pon campaign in the fall of 1857.

October 10, 1859 he married Catherine

Campbell. In April, 1860 he moved to

Provo valley, where he has since lived,

being prominently connected with the

building up and development of this

section. He acted as bishop of what

was then Heber West ward, and in 1878

was appointed agent of the Preaching

Bishopric in Wasatch Stake by Bishop

Edward Hunter. Except for a former

attack of heart failure, he had enjoyed

remarkably good health. While, on a

visit to his daughters in Salt Lake City

he died of heart trouble on Feb. 3, his

remains being brought to Heber for

burial. He had two families, both

his, co-pastors preceding him. He

leaves a large number of children and

grandchildren. He has never been in

the front ranks, battling for the truth

and died as he has lived, a true Lat-

ter-day Saint.

house at Heber City. The services were conducted by Bishop Hugh W. Harvey of Center ward, where Mr. Forman resided for the last 12 years. His musical selections were rendered under the direction of Prof. O. A.

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sidewalks. He with the Buys brothers and Alexander Fortie staked off the grounds for the Wasatch Stake House. They did most of the surveying in the valley at that time. He brought the first organ to Heber City.

He married Mary Loury Montgomery, 10 October 1867, the ceremony was performed by Heber C. Kimball. To them were born 14 children, seven boys and seven girls: Robert, Nephi, Catherine Harwood, Mary Jane Orr, Agness Turner Fields Jones, Joseph Smith, Margaret, twins, William and Willometta Forman Parrish, Major, Orson Pratt, Nellie Clara Williams and June Nora Browning. A son died in infancy.

He was energetic in the performance of every duty that was placed upon him. He was well read in Church History. He was a kind and loving father.

The last few years of his life were spent in prospecting. His desire was always to do something for his children to help them in a temporal way as well as in a spiritual way. His seventy-five years were spent in the best possible way they could have been spent.

He died in Salt Lake City, Utah at the home of his daughter, Agness Fields Jones, on 3 February 1910, Buried in Heber City Cemetery.

